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### The Pleven-Oryakhovo Highway

1. The highway between Oryakhovo and Pleven, a distance of approximately 75 kilometers, is a pebble-surfaced, all-weather road. It is closed only for a few days at a time during winter snowstorms. The highway is approximately 5-6 meters wide, and in November 1953 it was in good condition. 25X1
2. There are two bridges on this highway, one over the Vit River, 10 kilometers west of Pleven, the other over the Iskur River near Oryakhovitsa. The bridge over the Vit River is approximately 80-100 meters long, 5-6 meters wide, and 10-12 meters high. It is made of concrete and is in good condition, not having been damaged during World War II. There is always water below the bridge, but it is possible to cross the river without using the bridge in the summer months when the water is shallow. The load limit of this bridge is unknown. 25X1
3. The bridge over the Iskur River is approximately 50-70 meters long, 5-6 meters wide, and 15 meters high. It is a stone bridge with arches, constructed around 1925, and is in good condition. There is always water under the bridge, but it is possible to cross the river without using the bridge during the summer months when the water is shallow. 25X1
4. This highway is the most direct route between Pleven and Oryakhovo, but there are other routes which are longer. 25X1

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The Gorna Oryakhovitsa-Stara Zagora Railway Line

5. In crossing the Stara Planina (Balkan Mountains), the Gorna Oryakhovitsa-Stara Zagora railway line passes through 22 tunnels, 19 of them between Gorna Oryakhovitsa and Krustets (gara), and three between Krustets (gara) and Stara Zagora. The highest elevation on the line is at Krustets (gara). The tunnels are the most numerous between Plachkovtsi (N42-49, E25-26) and Buzovets (N42-41, E26-36). Here the line makes figure "8's" and "6's", i.e., it passes through a tunnel, then makes a circle above the tunnel.

The Cherven Bryag-Boril Railway Line

6. In 1948 a new railroad line between Cherven Bryag (N43-16, E25-06) and Boril (N43-43, E24-24), Oryakhovo Okoliya, was planned. The line was to follow the east side of the Iskur River and was to extend to Trunka Stream (N43-44, E24-29). Station buildings were built at points along the projected line, but in 1949 the plans were changed and work discontinued. The reason for this change in plans is not known.

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